

# **QUAD CITIES AREA MARITIME SECURITY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING**

(March 11<sup>h</sup>, 2004)

On March 11<sup>th</sup>, Commander (CDR) Suzanne Englebert (Captain of the Port/Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, US Coast Guard Marine Safety Office St. Louis), convened an Area Maritime Security Committee General Membership meeting at Diamond Jo Casino in Dubuque, Iowa.

The day began with Area Maritime Security Plan highlights, a brief overview of the format and status of Field Guide development and a discussion of the background/applicability of Sensitive Security Information to AMS Committee involvement.

Meeting goals included:

1. Field Guide data verification
2. Establishment of Steering Committee membership
3. Identification of communications protocols
4. Identification of potential Public Access Facilities
5. Identification of the top 3 most probable Transportation Security Incidents for the area

## **GOAL #1: Field Guide data verification:**

During the January meeting, volunteers were solicited to collect asset/contact information for each mile of river covered by the AMS Annex. That information was collected and added to the draft field guide which participants reviewed/edited. Final edits will be made to the field guide which will be distributed to general membership on an as-needed basis once completed.

## **GOAL #2: Steering Committee membership proposed, as follows:**

- Fed
  - US Army Corps of Engineers
  - US Attorney's Office
  - FBI (potentially)
- State
  - IA Department of Homeland Security
  - IL Emergency Management
- Local
  - Lee County Emergency Management
  - Dubuque Police Department
- Industry/Other
  - Isle of Capri Casino
  - Passenger Vessel Association
  - Grain Processing Corporation
  - Catfish Bend Casino
  - Alliant Energy
  - Exelon Nuclear
  - CG Auxiliary
  - Royster-Clark Nitrogen

The Steering Committee will be chaired by CDR Suzanne Englebert. Roles and responsibilities of the Steering Committee are posted in a standard Charter, found at MSO St. Louis's web site:

[www.uscg.mil/d8/mso/stlouis](http://www.uscg.mil/d8/mso/stlouis). The Western Rivers Area Maritime Security (WRAMS) Plan may also be viewed at this site. Please take a moment to review this plan, as it serves as the standard format for the Quad Cities AMS Sub-Committee Plan, which was submitted to USCG District Eight on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004.

The Steering Committee will meet up to four times per year, or as deemed appropriate by the FMSC in order to address security procedures or concerns. Additionally, the FMSC will periodically convene General Committee meetings to create a forum for area maritime security discussion. General Committee members, who include all maritime stakeholders (fed/state/local/industry/public), also may contact any of the Steering Committee members throughout the year to voice concerns or pose questions. Names, emails and phone numbers of Steering Committee members will be sent out via separate email, once the representatives are finalized. Contact may also be made to the Coast Guard Marine Safety Office, St. Louis, preferably through your regional CG planning representative. This is LT Carol McAllister for the Quad Cities Sub-Committee. She may be reached at [cmcallister@grpumr.uscg.mil](mailto:cmcallister@grpumr.uscg.mil).

### **GOAL #3: Identification of Communications Protocols**

Preferred means of sharing Maritime Security Level changes, requests for asset/patrol assistance and other security-related correspondence were noted as follow:

- Email (for routine, non-urgent comms)
- Telephone
- Pager Group (web-based auto system) – IA
- IA Dispatch center
- MSO Website, RIBB, BNTM

Attendees were asked to provide their primary (emergency) and secondary (non-emergency) contact information to their regional CG planning representative as soon as possible, so timely sharing of information is possible.

In an effort to avoid duplicate expense, the USCG is investigating potential telephone group/autodialer systems already in use by the public sector that would enable public and private sector notifications and communications in an efficient, timely manner. If any AMS Committee member knows of any such systems currently in use, please contact LT Carol McAllister.

### **GOAL #4: Identification of potential Public Access Facilities**

- St Feriole Island, Prairie Du Chien, WI
- Savannah City boat ramp, Savannah, IL
- Isle of Capri Marina, Bettendorf, IA

The FMSC is considering these locations for determination as Public Access Facilities. If you have input regarding these locations, please contact LT Carol McAllister.

### **GOAL #5: Top 3 Most-Probable Transportation Security Incidents**

- High Density Population Area: release/detonate CDC
- Marine Event: detonate fireworks barge or explosive-laden recreational vessel
- Lock/Dam/Major Bridge (fixed asset): detonate explosive device or CDC barge, or ram with commercial vessel

